

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have amended claim 1. Claim 28 has been added. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 11-14, 22 and 26-28 are currently pending in the application. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in at least paragraph [0041]. Additionally, support for claim 28 is shown in at least Figure 14a.

35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejection

Claims 1, 2,, 9, 11-14, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,292,332 to Jahn in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,866,904 to Paul.

Applicants respectfully assert that this rejection is moot in view of the amendments to independent claim 1.


In effort to move prosecution forward, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include language which describes the keyed aperture with greater particularity. Specifically, neither Jahn nor Paul, either singularly or combined, describe or suggest that the keyed aperture includes “a major channel and a secure channel” where the aperture is configured such that the “cross member [is] insertable in the major channel” and is “locked in place in the secure channel” as recited in claim 1 as amended. Via this two-channel aperture configuration, the aperture alone permits insertion, rotation and locking of the cross member in the first member. For this reason, Applicants request that the 103(a) rejection be withdrawn.

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Applicants submit that all currently pending claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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